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MARKUP OF H. CON. RES. 120 and H.R. 3916

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1996

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,
Washington, DC.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:44 a.m., in room 2172, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC, the Honorable Doug Bereuter, vice chairman of the committee, presiding.

Mr. BEREUTER. [Presiding] The committee will come to order. As you probably have heard, my colleagues, we have a 15-minute vote followed by a 5-minute vote. Mr. Gilman has been delayed somewhat, but I think that we should be able to resume the committee activities and the markup. I am going to suggest that we be back here at 11:10 to resume the markup and we will proceed at that time regardless of the situation.

The committee will be in recess.

[Recess.]

Mr. BEREUTER. The Committee on International Relations meets today in open session pursuant to notice to mark up two items of legislation, H. Con. Res. 120, support of the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of its political and economic reforms; and H.R. 3916, to make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti materials.

The chair intends to proceed in the expectation that we will be able to move the bills to the floor under suspension procedures.

I would ask now if the Ranking Democratic Member, the gentleman from Indiana, has any comments to make at this time. I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I just want to indicate to you that I support the bill. I think it is timely and helpful in recognizing the developments in Ukraine. I commend you and the Chairman for your leadership on it and appreciate the changes that were made during the consideration of the bill. I urge its adoption.

Mr. BEREUTER. Thank you, Mr. Hamilton.

I turn now to the Chairman, Mr. Gilman.

Chairman GILMAN. This is an important measure supporting the independence and the sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of its political and economic reforms. I want to generally voice my support and urge our colleagues to be supportive.

Mr. BEREUTER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The chair now lays the first item, H. Con. Res. 120, before the committee. The clerk will report the title of the resolution.

Ms. BLOOMER. H.Con.Res. 120, Supporting the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of its political and economic reforms.

Mr. BEREUTER. The clerk will read the preamble and the operative text of the resolution, in that order, for amendment.

Ms. BLOOMER. Whereas, August 24, 1995, marked the fourth anniversary of the independence of Ukraine; Whereas, the independent State of Ukraine is a member State of the United Nations and the United Nations has established in Ukraine an office to assist Ukraine in building relations with the international community—

Mr. BEREUTER. The clerk will suspend.

[H. Con. Res. 120 appears in the appendix.]

The clerk will report the amendment at the desk.

Ms. BLOOMER. Amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Gilman. Strike the preamble and all that follows and insert the following. Whereas, August 24, 1996, marks the fifth anniversary of the independence of Ukraine; Whereas, the independent State of Ukraine is a member State of the United Nations—

Mr. BEREUTER. Without objection, the amendment in the nature of a substitute will be considered as read. Without objection, the amendment in the nature of a substitute to the preamble and the operative text is considered as having been read, as being original text for the purpose of amendment, and is open to amendment at any point. The chair will recognize Mr. Gilman to address the resolution.

[The amendment in the nature of a substitute to H. Con. Res. 120, offered by Mr. Gilman, appears in the appendix.]

Chairman GILMAN. Has the amendment been distributed?

My colleagues, I would like to take a moment to just note a few things concerning the Ukraine and its role in the cold war.

Let me state first of all that events in the Ukraine will inevitably have consequences for all of Europe, both East and West. Too often, regrettably, we in the United States have focused our attention on Russia and the tremendous changes taking place in that important nation.

In that process, we have overlooked the important role that Ukraine will play in Europe and have overlooked as well the developments, both positive and negative, that have taken place in that country since 1991.

My intention in introducing this resolution, along with my colleagues, Congressmen Goodling, Solomon and Hoke, has been to direct the attention of the Congress toward the Ukraine as it celebrates the fifth anniversary of its new independence.

The language of the resolution is, I believe, straightforward. It notes many of the positive developments regarding the Ukraine, including the recent adoption of its new Constitution; its decision to relinquish all of its Soviet-era nuclear warheads, a commitment it has recently fulfilled; and the attempts to implement political and economic reforms.

The resolution makes a point, however, of calling on Ukraine to ensure that badly needed economic reforms still continue.

Finally, given the importance of Ukraine to the future stability and security of Europe, the resolution calls on the President to sup-

port continued U.S. assistance to that country; to insist that Russia fully recognize Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity; and to make certain that the Ukraine's interests are considered in any review of European security arrangements.

My colleagues, I urge that we cannot take future developments in Russia, the Ukraine, or any of the other newly independent states of the former Soviet Union for granted.

The region of the former Soviet Union contains the seeds for potential conflict that could dwarf the bloodshed that has accompanied the breakup of the former Yugoslavia.

As the recent assassination attempt against Ukrainian Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko demonstrates, Ukraine is not exempt from the possibility of such internal or external conflicts.

As we approach the fifth anniversary of Ukraine's independence this August 24th, I hope that this resolution will enjoy the support of my colleagues.

I believe it would be helpful to the continued stability of Ukraine and to its integration into post-cold war Europe for this Congress to recognize what Ukraine has accomplished in its first 5 years of independence, and to encourage it forward in its on-going political economic transformation.

It is for that reason that I urge my colleagues to support the amendment. The amendment revises H. Con. Res. 120 to reflect developments that have taken place in the Ukraine since the resolution's introduction, including the adoption of its new Constitution and the completion of Ukraine's transfer of nuclear warheads to Russia.

The amendment also contains changes to the text requested by the minority and changes reflecting unofficial comments made on the text by State Department personnel. It is my understanding that with the changes to the text made by this amendment, the resolution enjoys the support of the minority.

[Mr. Gilman's statement appears in the appendix.]

Mr. HAMILTON. Would the gentleman yield?

Chairman GILMAN. I will be pleased to yield.

Mr. HAMILTON. Yes, it does and we appreciate very much you and the others on the majority side working with us in negotiating some of the language. It is a good resolution. I strongly support it. I urge its adoption.

Chairman GILMAN. Thank you, Mr. Hamilton, and with the permission of the chair, I would like to note that there is an additional amendment at the desk on behalf of Mr. Roth that we may want to consider at this time.

Mr. BEREUTER. The clerk will report the amendment.

Ms. BLOOMER. Amendment by Mr. Roth. On page 6, line 2, insert after the word, "investment", "and in this regard U.S. assistance to the Ukraine should leverage private sector involvement as much as possible".

Mr. BEREUTER. Are there any members who wish to be heard on this amendment?

Without objection, the amendment to the amendment in the nature of a substitute is adopted.

[Amendment to the amendment in the nature of a substitute appears in the appendix.]

Are there any members that wish to be recognized on the original amendment in the nature of a substitute?

If not, without objection——

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BEREUTER. Yes, the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. WYNN. Thank you. I just wanted to ask a brief question. In terms of military assistance, what is the nature of our current assistance to the Ukraine?

Mr. BEREUTER. I am told now that it is Partnership for Peace assistance plus IMET funds. Those would be the direct bilateral foreign assistance elements.

Mr. WYNN. OK. How much under IMET?

Mr. BEREUTER. I am advised this would be something less than \$1 million.

Mr. WYNN. Less than a million dollars?

Mr. BEREUTER. Right.

Mr. WYNN. OK. Thank you very much.

Mr. BEREUTER. You are welcome.

Are there further questions or any requests for time?

If not, the amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended will be adopted without objection.

I now recognize the gentleman from Indiana for a motion.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Chairman be requested to seek consideration of this legislation as amended, on the suspension calendar.

Mr. BEREUTER. You have heard the motion. All those in favor will say, "Aye".

[Chorus of ayes.]

Mr. BEREUTER. All those opposed say, "No".

[Chorus of noes.]

Mr. BEREUTER. The motion is agreed to.

The next item of business is H.R. 3916, which the chair lays before the committee. The clerk will report the title of the bill.

Ms. BLOOMER. H.R. 3916, a bill to make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer readable text and voice recordings.

Mr. BEREUTER. The clerk will read the bill for amendment.

Ms. BLOOMER. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, Section 1, Availability of Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer——

Mr. BEREUTER. Without objection, the bill is considered as having been read and is open to amendment at any point. I will call upon the gentleman from New York, the Chairman, to briefly explain the bill.

[H.R. 3916 appears in the appendix.]

Chairman GILMAN. I thank the Chairman for yielding.

Mr. Andrews, Mr. Fox and I introduced this bill to waive the Smith-Mundt ban on domestic dissemination of USIA-produced material. The waiver of Smith-Mundt will allow the University of Pennsylvania's linguistic data consortium access to the Voice of America transcripts for the purposes of linguistic research. The waiver sunsets 5 years after enactment. The material will be avail-

able strictly for research and the content of the broadcast transcripts will not be publicly available.

The University of Pennsylvania has worked with USIA in crafting this bill, and the USIA director Joseph Duffey has provided in writing that USIA recognizes the importance of the consortiums purpose and has no objections to the bill. USIA was fully consulted in the drafting of the original text.

Allowing the consortium access to this multilingual transcripts should assist and advance their research and technology development. For this reason, we believe it is a worthwhile measure and I urge my colleagues to support the measure.

[Mr. Gilman's statement appears in the appendix.]

Mr. HAMILTON. Would the gentleman yield?

Chairman GILMAN. I would be pleased to yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HAMILTON. I commend the Chairman and others for moving this bill forward. I fully support it. I think it is a useful bill and I urge its adoption.

Chairman GILMAN. I thank the gentleman for his supportive comments and thank the Chairman for yielding.

Mr. BEREUTER. The gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. Andrews is recognized.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I speak in favor of this bill and I thank the Chairman of our Full Committee for introducing it and offering it. I think it is extremely important that the work of scholars move forward with free access to authoritative materials in a way that in no way impairs our security or intelligence capability.

The University of Pennsylvania is not only a very important institution in my region, but it also sent us many wonderful contributions to the country, not the least of which is the chairman of our Full Committee. And I would like to wholeheartedly endorse his bill and thank him for his cooperation in permitting me to co-sponsor it. I yield back.

Mr. BEREUTER. I thank the gentleman.

Are there any amendments to the legislation?

Mr. HAMILTON. If not, Mr. Chairman, I move the bill.

Mr. BEREUTER. Without objection, the Chairman would seek consideration of H.R. 3916 on the suspension calendar. Is there objection?

If not, the unanimous consent request is agreed to. I would ask the Chairman if there are any announcements he wants to make before we adjourn?

Chairman GILMAN. No announcements at this time; I thank the Chairman for conducting the hearing.

Mr. BEREUTER. The chair appreciates the cooperation of the members. The committee is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 11:30 a.m., the committee was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.]

APPENDIX

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104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 120

Supporting the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress
of its political and economic reforms.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 1995

Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. SOLOMON, and Mr. HOKE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine and
the progress of its political and economic reforms.

Whereas August 24, 1995, marked the fourth anniversary of
the independence of Ukraine;

Whereas the independent State of Ukraine is a member State
of the United Nations and the United Nations has estab-
lished in Ukraine an office to assist Ukraine in building
relations with the international community and in coordi-
nating international assistance for Ukraine;

Whereas the independent State of Ukraine is a member State
of the Council of Europe, the Organization on Security
and Cooperation in Europe, and the North Atlantic Co-
operation Council of the North Atlantic Alliance, is a
participant in the Partnership for Peace program of the

North Atlantic Alliance, and has entered into a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the European Union and has been accepted for membership in the Central European Initiative in 1996;

Whereas the United States recognized Ukraine as an independent State on December 25, 1991, and established diplomatic relations with Ukraine on January 2, 1992;

Whereas Ukraine is a major European nation, having the second largest territory and sixth largest population of all the States of Europe;

Whereas Ukraine has an important geopolitical and economic role to play within Central and Eastern Europe and a strong, stable, and secure Ukraine serves the interests of peace and stability in all of Europe, which is also an important national security interest of the United States;

Whereas Ukraine conducted its first presidential and parliamentary elections as an independent State in 1994, carrying such elections out in a free and fair manner and moving further away from the former communist model of one-party, centralized, totalitarian rule;

Whereas Ukraine's presidential elections of July 1994 resulted in the first peaceful transfer of executive power in any of the independent States of the former Soviet Union;

Whereas in June 1995, through peaceful cooperation and compromise, the President and Parliament of Ukraine reached a political accord meant to better define the balance of powers between the executive and legislative branches of government, pending the adoption of a new constitution for Ukraine;

Whereas Ukraine is the first of the independent states of the former Soviet Union to appoint a civilian to the office of Minister of Defense;

Whereas Ukraine is pursuing political and economic reforms intended to ensure its future strength, stability, and security and to ensure that it will assume its rightful place among the international community of democratic States and in European and trans-Atlantic institutions;

Whereas through the agreement by the Government of Ukraine to the establishment of a mission from the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe in the region of Crimea, Ukraine has shown its interest in avoiding the use of force in resolving ethnic and regional disputes within Ukraine;

Whereas Ukraine has taken very positive steps in supporting efforts to stem proliferation of nuclear weapons by ratifying the START-I Treaty on nuclear disarmament and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, thereby relinquishing nuclear weapons it possessed after the dissolution of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

Whereas in December 1994, the Presidents of the United States and the Russian Federation and the Prime Minister of Great Britain signed a Memorandum on National Security Assurances for Ukraine as depository States under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

Whereas the Secretary of Defense of the United States and the Minister of Defense of Ukraine signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of defense and military relations on July 27, 1993;

Whereas Ukraine has sought to promote constructive co-operation with its neighbors through humanitarian assistance and through mediation of disputes;

Whereas Ukraine has provided Ukrainian troops as part of the international peacekeeping force meant to prevent the spread of conflict in the states of the former Yugoslavia; and

Whereas Ukraine has played a vital role in preventing the emergence of a coercive military bloc on the territory of the former Soviet Union by representing the interests of the smaller states that are members of the organization known as the Commonwealth of Independent States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) Ukraine has made significant progress in
4 political reform in its first 4 years of independence
5 and that it is to be congratulated for the successful
6 conduct of free and fair elections for the presidency
7 and parliament;

8 (2) the territorial integrity of Ukraine in its ex-
9 isting borders is an important element of European
10 peace and stability;

11 (3) the President and Parliament of Ukraine
12 should continue their strong efforts to agree upon
13 and submit to the Ukrainian people for their ap-
14 proval a new democratic constitution providing for a

1 proper balance of power between the branches of
2 government;

3 (4) the Government of Ukraine should continue
4 its efforts to ensure the rights of all citizens of
5 Ukraine regardless of their ethnic or religious back-
6 ground;

7 (5) the Government of Ukraine should continue
8 and accelerate its efforts to transform its economy,
9 abandoning the failed economic policies of the
10 former communist regime and ensuring that pro-
11 grams meant to ensure the success of economic re-
12 form receive strong support at all levels of govern-
13 ment;

14 (6) the Government of Ukraine should, in par-
15 ticular, proceed with the privatization of state-owned
16 enterprises in a very expeditious manner;

17 (7) the Government of Ukraine should, in par-
18 ticular, place a high priority on the adoption of
19 those laws necessary to ensure the continued growth
20 of an economy based on market mechanisms, private
21 enterprise, and the right to private property;

22 (8) the Government of Ukraine should continue
23 its efforts to arrive at an agreement with the "G-
24 7" group of States whereby the nuclear reactors at

1 Chernobyl, Ukraine, might be shut down in a safe
2 and expeditious manner;

3 (9) the President of the United States should
4 support continued United States assistance to
5 Ukraine for its political and economic reforms, for
6 the safe and secure dismantlement of its weapons of
7 mass destruction, and for the increased safety of op-
8 eration of its civilian nuclear reactors, and assist-
9 ance for the establishment of rule of law, for crimi-
10 nal justice and law enforcement training, and for the
11 promotion of trade and investment;

12 (10) the President of the United States should
13 insist that the Government of the Russian Federa-
14 tion, in line with the assurances for the security of
15 Ukraine made by the President of the Russian Fed-
16 eration in the January 1994 Trilateral Statement on
17 Nuclear Disarmament in Ukraine, fully and finally
18 recognize Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integ-
19 rity and refrain from any economic coercion of
20 Ukraine;

21 (11) the Government of Ukraine should con-
22 tinue to act in defense of its sovereignty and that of
23 the other independent states of the former Soviet
24 Union by opposing the emergence of any collective
25 military bloc on the territory of the former Soviet

1 Union whose primary purpose would be the re-cre-
2 ation of that failed state or the reintegration into
3 one political entity of those nations once held captive
4 by it;

5 (12) the President of the United States should
6 express the support of the United States for
7 Ukraine's insistence that it be provided with appro-
8 priate rent or compensation for the use of its bases,
9 ports or other facilities on its territory under appro-
10 priately negotiated and ratified agreements and trea-
11 ties;

12 (13) the President of the United States should
13 ensure that Ukraine's national security interests are
14 fully considered in any revision of the Treaty on
15 Conventional Forces in Europe that may be agreed
16 to by the signatories to that agreement;

17 (14) the President of the United States should
18 work to ensure that Ukraine's interests as an inte-
19 gral part of Central and Eastern Europe are fully
20 considered in any review of European security ar-
21 rangements and understandings;

22 (15) the President of the United States should
23 support continued United States security assistance
24 for Ukraine, including assistance for training of
25 military officers, military exercises as part of the

1 North Atlantic Alliance's Partnership for Peace pro-
2 gram, and appropriate military equipment to assist
3 Ukraine in maintaining its defensive capabilities as
4 it reduces its military force levels;

5 (16) the President of the United States should
6 ensure the United States Government's continued ef-
7 forts to assist Ukraine in its accession to the World
8 Trade Organization; and should ensure, in particu-
9 lar, that the potential for aerospace and space co-
10 operation and commerce between the United States
11 and Ukraine is fully and appropriately exploited; and

12 (17) as a leader of the democratic nations of
13 the world, the United States should continue to sup-
14 port the people of Ukraine in their struggle to bring
15 peace, prosperity, and democracy to Ukraine and to
16 the other independent states of the former Soviet
17 Union.

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H. CON. RES. 120
OFFERED BY MR. GILMAN**

Strike the preambule and all that follows and insert the following:

Whereas August 24, 1996, marks the fifth anniversary of the independence of Ukraine;

Whereas the independent State of Ukraine is a member State of the United Nations and the United Nations has established in Ukraine an office to assist Ukraine in building relations with the international community and in coordinating international assistance for Ukraine;

Whereas the independent State of Ukraine is a member State of the Council of Europe, the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Central European Initiative, and the North Atlantic Cooperation Council of the North Atlantic Alliance, is a participant in the Partnership for Peace program of the North Atlantic Alliance, and has entered into a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the European Union;

Whereas the United States recognized Ukraine as an independent State on December 25, 1991;

Whereas Ukraine is a major European nation, having the second largest territory and sixth largest population of all the States of Europe;

Whereas Ukraine has an important geopolitical and economic role to play within Central and Eastern Europe and a strong, stable, and secure Ukraine serves the interests of

peace and stability in all of Europe, which is also an important national security interest of the United States;

Whereas Ukraine conducted its first presidential and parliamentary elections as an independent State in 1994, carrying such elections out in a free and fair manner and moving further away from the former communist model of one-party, centralized, totalitarian rule;

Whereas Ukraine's presidential elections of July 1994 resulted in the first peaceful transfer of executive power in any of the independent States of the former Soviet Union;

Whereas on June 28, 1996, the Parliament of Ukraine adopted a new constitution for Ukraine;

Whereas Ukraine's economic and social stability depend on its ability to build a stable market-based economy and a legal system based on the rule of law, attract foreign investment, improve tax and revenue collection, and build its export sectors;

Whereas Ukraine was the first of the independent states of the former Soviet Union to have appointed a civilian to the office of Minister of Defense, an historic precedent in support of civilian control and oversight of the armed forces of Ukraine;

Whereas Ukraine is pursuing political and economic reforms intended to ensure its future strength, stability, and security and to ensure that it will assume its rightful place among the international community of democratic States and in European and trans-Atlantic institutions;

Whereas through the agreement by the Government of Ukraine to the establishment of a mission from the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe in the

region of Crimea, Ukraine has shown its interest in avoiding the use of force in resolving ethnic and regional disputes within Ukraine;

Whereas all nuclear weapons were removed from Ukraine by June 1, 1996, and Ukraine has taken very positive steps in supporting efforts to stem proliferation of nuclear weapons by ratifying the START-I Treaty on nuclear disarmament and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

Whereas in December 1994, the Presidents of the United States and the Russian Federation and the Prime Minister of Great Britain signed a Memorandum on National Security Assurances for Ukraine as depositary States under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

Whereas the Secretary of Defense of the United States and the Minister of Defense of Ukraine signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of defense and military relations on July 27, 1993;

Whereas Ukraine has sought to promote constructive cooperation with its neighbors through humanitarian assistance and through mediation of disputes;

Whereas Ukraine has provided Ukrainian troops as part of the international peacekeeping force meant to prevent the spread of conflict in the states of the former Yugoslavia; and

Whereas Ukraine has acted in defense of its sovereignty and that of other newly independent states by opposing the emergence of any political or military organization which has the potential to promote the reintegration of the states of the former Soviet Union: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) Ukraine has made significant progress in
4 political reform in its first 5 years of independence
5 and that it is to be congratulated for the successful
6 conduct of free and fair elections for the presidency
7 and parliament and for the adoption of a new con-
8 stitution;

9 (2) the territorial integrity of Ukraine in its ex-
10 isting borders is an important element of European
11 peace and stability;

12 (3) the President and Parliament of Ukraine
13 should focus their efforts on passing legislation
14 needed to implement the new democratic constitu-
15 tion;

16 (4) the Government of Ukraine should continue
17 its efforts to ensure the rights of all citizens of
18 Ukraine regardless of their ethnic or religious back-
19 ground;

20 (5) the Government of Ukraine should make its
21 first priority the dismantling of the remaining social-
22 ist sectors of its economy, particularly by speedily
23 privatizing medium and large state-owned enter-
24 prises, privatizing state and collective farms and
25 ending their monopolistic control of the agro-indus-

1 trial sector, and fostering a competitive market-
2 based energy sector;

3 (6) the Government of Ukraine should make
4 the necessary institutional and legal reforms to cre-
5 ate a stable tax regime, foster market-based com-
6 petition, protect the right to private property, and
7 make other changes that build a positive climate for
8 foreign investment;

9 (7) the Government of Ukraine should make it
10 a priority to build the institutional capacity and
11 legal framework needed to fight crime and corrup-
12 tion effectively in a democratic environment;

13 (8) the Government of Ukraine should continue
14 its cooperative efforts with the "G-7" group of
15 States to safely and expeditiously shut down the nu-
16 clear reactors at Chernobyl, Ukraine;

17 (9) the President of the United States should
18 support continued United States assistance to
19 Ukraine for its political and economic reforms, for
20 efforts associated with the safe and secure dis-
21 mantlement of its weapons of mass destruction, and
22 for the increased safety of operation of its civilian
23 nuclear reactors, and assistance for the establish-
24 ment of rule of law, for criminal justice and law en-

1 forcement training, and for the promotion of trade
2 and investment;

3 (10) the President of the United States should
4 urge that the Government of the Russian Federa-
5 tion, in line with the assurances for the security of
6 Ukraine made by the President of the Russian Fed-
7 eration in the January 1994 Trilateral Statement on
8 Nuclear Disarmament in Ukraine, offer Ukraine its
9 promised highest possible cooperation, fully and fi-
10 nally recognizing Ukraine's sovereignty and terri-
11 torial integrity and refraining from any economic co-
12 ercion of Ukraine;

13 (11) the Government of Ukraine should con-
14 tinue to act in defense of its sovereignty and that of
15 the other independent states of the former Soviet
16 Union by opposing the emergence of any political or
17 military organization which would have the potential
18 to promote the reintegration of the states of the
19 former Soviet Union;

20 (12) the President of the United States should
21 ensure that Ukraine's national security interests are
22 fully considered in any review of European security
23 arrangements and understandings;

24 (13) the President of the United States should
25 support continued United States security assistance

1 for Ukraine, including assistance for training of
2 military officers, military exercises as part of the
3 North Atlantic Alliance's Partnership for Peace pro-
4 gram, and appropriate military equipment to assist
5 Ukraine in maintaining its defensive capabilities as
6 it reduces its military force levels;

7 (14) the President of the United States should
8 ensure the United States Government's continued ef-
9 forts to assist Ukraine in its accession to the World
10 Trade Organization; and should ensure, in particu-
11 lar, that the potential for aerospace and space co-
12 operation and commerce between the United States
13 and Ukraine is fully and appropriately exploited; and

14 (15) as a leader of the democratic nations of
15 the world, the United States should continue to sup-
16 port the people of Ukraine in their struggle to bring
17 peace, prosperity, and democracy to Ukraine and to
18 the other independent states of the former Soviet
19 Union.

August 1, 1996

Statement of Chairman Benjamin A. Gilman on
H.Con.Res. 120, supporting the independence
and sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of
its political and economic reforms.

My colleagues, as the sponsor of this resolution, I would like to take a moment to say a few things concerning Ukraine and its role in post-Cold War Europe.

First of all, events in Ukraine will inevitably have consequences for all of Europe --- both East and West. Too often, unfortunately, we here in the United States have focussed our attention on Russia and the tremendous changes taking place in that important country. In the process, we have overlooked the important role that Ukraine will play in Europe --- and have overlooked as well the developments, both positive and negative, that have taken place in that country since 1991.

My intention in introducing this resolution --- along with my colleagues, Congressmen Goodling, Solomon and Hoke --- has been to direct the attention of this Congress towards Ukraine as it celebrates the fifth anniversary of its new independence. The language of the resolution is, I believe, straightforward. It notes many of the positive developments regarding Ukraine, including:

- the recent adoption of its new constitution;
- its decision to relinquish all of its soviet-era nuclear warheads --- a commitment it has recently fulfilled;
- its attempts to implement political and economic reforms;
- and its efforts to ensure that the Russian-dominated organization, known as the Commonwealth of Independent States or CIS, does not force the military or economic reintegration of the states of the former Soviet Union.

The resolution makes a point, however, of calling on Ukraine to ensure that badly-needed economic reforms continue.

Finally, given the importance of Ukraine to the future stability and security of Europe, the resolution calls on the President to 1) support continued United States assistance to that country; 2) insist that Russia fully recognize Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity; and 3) ensure that Ukraine's interests are considered in any review of European security arrangements.

My colleagues, we cannot take future developments in Russia, Ukraine or any of the other newly independent states of the former Soviet Union for granted. The region of the former Soviet Union contains the seeds for potential conflict that could dwarf the bloodshed that has accompanied the break-up of the former Yugoslavia. As the recent assassination attempt against Ukrainian Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko demonstrates, Ukraine is not exempt from the possibility of such internal or external conflicts.

As we approach the fifth anniversary of Ukraine's independence this August 24th, I hope that this resolution will enjoy the support of my colleagues on this committee. I believe it would be helpful to the continued stability of Ukraine and to its integration into post-Cold War Europe for this Congress to recognize what Ukraine has accomplished in its first five years of independence --- and to encourage it forward in its on-going political and economic transformation.

MR. ROTH'S AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

on page 6, line 2, insert after the word "investment",

"and in this regard U.S. assistance to the Ukraine should
leverage private-sector involvement as much as possible"

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H. R. 3916

To make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer readable text and voice recordings.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1996

Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

To make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer readable text and voice recordings.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AVAILABILITY OF VOICE OF AMERICA AND**
4 **RADIO MARTI MULTILINGUAL COMPUTER**
5 **READABLE TEXT AND VOICE RECORDINGS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 208 of
7 the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years
8 1986 and 1987 (22 U.S.C. 1461–1a) and the second sen-
9 tence of section 501 of the United States Information and
10 Educational Exchange Act of 1948 (22 U.S.C. 1461), the



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1 Director of the United States Information Agency is au-
2 thorized to make available, upon request, to the Linguistic
3 Data Consortium of the University of Pennsylvania com-
4 puter readable multilingual text and recorded speech in
5 various languages. The Consortium shall, directly or indi-
6 rectly as appropriate, reimburse the Director for any ex-
7 penses involved in making such materials available.

8 (b) TERMINATION.—Subsection (a) shall cease to
9 have effect 5 years after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act.

August 1, 1996

Opening Statement of
Chairman Benjamin A. Gilman on
H.R.3916-Availability of VOA
Multilingual Computer Readable Text

Mr. Andrews, Mr. Fox and I introduced this bill, to waive the Smith Mundt ban on domestic dissemination of USIA produced material. The waiver of Smith Mundt will allow the University of Pennsylvania's Linguistic Data Consortium access to Voice of America transcripts for the purposes of linguistic research. The waiver will sunset five years after enactment. The material will be available strictly for research and the content of the broadcast transcripts will not be publicly available.

The University of Pennsylvania has worked with USIA in crafting this bill, and the Director Joseph Duffey has provided in writing that USIA recognizes the importance of the Consortiums purpose and has no objection to the bill. USIA was fully consulted in the drafting of the original measure.

Allowing the Consortium access to this multilingual transcripts should assist and advance their research and technology development. For this reason, we believe this is a worthwhile measure and should be advanced by this Committee.

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